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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hui Ou-Yang et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/080,882

FILED: February 21, 2002

FOR: HIGH DENSITY PLASMA POST-ETCH TREATMENT
FOR A DIELECTRIC ETCH PROCESS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1763
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§ EXAMINER: A. W. Olsen
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**AMENDMENT "C" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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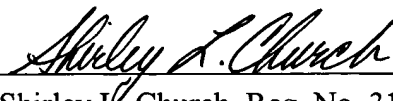
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "C" in response to the final Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of July 22, 2004. This Amendment is being submitted within two (2) months of the mailing date of the Final Rejection, to permit time for an Advisory Action.

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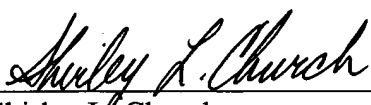
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER <u>AMENDMENT</u>		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY <u>PAID FOR</u>		PRESENT <u>EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	ADDITIONAL <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	33	minus	33	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$ 00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	3	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if first presented)			previously paid				\$290.00	\$ 00.00
							TOTAL FEE DUE	\$ 00.00

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "C" after Final Rejection. However, in the event that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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Claims 1 - 18 and 21 - 30 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 4, 6, 9 - 12, and 21 - 25 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,849,639, to Molloy et al.

Claims 1 - 30 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,082,374, to Huffman et al.

Please amend the application as follows: